

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (original) A razor blade unit comprising one or more razor blades, a glide strip comprising a middle layer and a surface for slidably engaging the skin of a user, and a xerogel on the surface, wherein the xerogel comprises a homogenous mixture of homopolymers and copolymers of polyvinylpyrrolidone with polyurethane in which the ratio of the amount of polyvinylpyrrolidone to polyurethane is less than 3:1.
2. (original) A razor blade unit according to claim 1, wherein the ratio of the amount of polyvinylpyrrolidone to polyurethane is less than 2.5:1.
3. (original) A razor blade unit according to claim 2, wherein the ratio of the amount of polyvinylpyrrolidone to polyurethane is in the range of about 2.5:1 to about 1.5 :1.
4. (currently amended) A razor blade unit according to claim 3, wherein ~~the glide strip~~ said surface for slidably engaging the skin of the user is about 10 - 75 um thick.
5. (currently amended) A razor blade unit according to claim 4, wherein ~~the glide strip~~ said surface for slidably engaging the skin of the user is about 20 - 60 um thick.
6. (currently amended) A razor blade unit according to claim 5, wherein ~~the glide strip~~ said surface for slidably engaging the skin of the user is about 50 um +/- 10% thick.
7. (original) A razor blade unit according to claim 2, wherein the xerogel has a coefficient of friction of less than 0.25 when contacted with a hydrous dispersion medium.

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8. (original) A razor blade unit according to claim 3, wherein the xerogel further comprises one or more shaving aids selected from the group consisting of aloe, vitamin E, a medicinal agent, a fragrance, moisturizer, conditioner, an essential oil or mixtures thereof.

9. (currently amended) A razor blade unit according to claim 3, wherein ~~[[the]]~~ a surface layer of the glide strip is of a first color and the middle layer of the glide strip is of a second, different color.